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NSC BRIEFING

6 October 1954

BOAT CONCENTRATION

- I. The US Seventh Fleet reported on 5 October that a "large concentrated group of small unidentified surface boats" had been observed in a 20-mile area about 40 miles southwest of the Tachen Islands.
  - A. No information was available to indicate the type of ship-  
ping observed, nor the direction  
in which they were sailing.
  - B. Air surveillance of this con-  
centration was to be maintained,  
but as of 0800 on 6 October  
(Washington time) no further  
information had been received.  
This group of boats may have  
been merely a concentration of  
local fishing vessels.

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POSSIBLE ALTERATIONS OF BLOC  
25X1X6 MERCHANT VESSELS

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reports "feverish activity"

there. He says certain Soviet and  
Satellite vessels were being altered  
and painted dark gray.

A. Holds of these ships were being  
decked over, ventilation installed,  
and additional gallies were being  
built.

B. At least three of the Bloc  
vessels in Whampoa at that time  
have since left the port for  
Europe.

C. It is conceivable that others are  
being readied in Whampoa and will  
be sent to other bases along East  
China coast for use in island  
attacks.

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① Sov Bomb Test

Joe "Q" [See notes]  
Tokio - Peshawar [six other cities]  
Tuesday

② Molotov in Berlin

Speaks tomorrow

③ Sov reaction to

London: Aggression -  
Pavlovian peace guard against militancy  
Trieste [violates treaty]

25X1X4!

